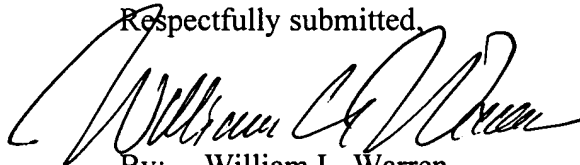


close technological relationship. In particular, Applicants believe that claim 1 currently defines an inventive unity among Groups 1-5 and 8, namely a nanoparticle probe composition for facilitating molecular imaging or monitoring, comprising: a. a detectable moiety comprising a magnetic nanoparticle having a biocompatible coating thereon; b. targeting probe attached to the biocompatible coating; and c. a delivery ligand attached to the biocompatible coating. Further, Applicants reserve the right to further examination of additional species upon an indication of allowability for the elected species.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005. If there are any issues which can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853-8000.

No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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